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Wednesday, 26 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

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Third Committee

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Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [117 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.30/Rev.2 (and amendments thereto: A/C.3/58/L.81), A/C.3/58/L.52, A/C.3/58/L.61, A/C.3/58/L.62, A/C.3/58/L.71, A/C.3/58/L.75 and A/C.3/58/L.78

Human rights questions: human rights situation and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . . . . . [117 (c)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.68/Rev.1 (programme budget implications A/C.3/58/L.82) and A/C.3/58/L.79/Rev.1

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3, Parts I and II) . . . . . [12]

Organization of work of the Third Committee and the draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2004-2005 (A/C.3/58/L.80)

Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee for the main part of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly

Fifth Committee

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1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [119]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.11

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Action on draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.25

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Action on draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.15

9. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft decision A/C.5/58/L.26

10. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

Subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2004 (A/C.5/58/3 and A/58/7/Add.4)

Revised estimates arising out of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2003 (A/C.5/58/10 and A/58/7/Add.8)

Financial viability of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and status of all voluntary contributions (A/58/544 and A/58/7/Add.10)

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Introduction and general discussion

11. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [134]

Transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi (A/58/596 and A/58/609)

Introduction and general discussion

12. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

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Introduction and general discussion

13. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [120]

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Conclusion of general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 134 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi (A/58/596 and A/58/609)); and 120, 121 and 161 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003; Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005; and Financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire (A/58/370, A/58/535, A/C.5/58/12, A/58/538 and A/58/598))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Meeting with the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division
2. Capital Master Plan

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.12 entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-second session" (agenda item 94) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.3 entitled "Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005" (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.37 entitled "International migration and development" (agenda 93 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.4 entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.25 entitled "Natural disasters and vulnerability" (agenda item 94 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

11 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.32 entitled "International trade and development" (agenda item 91 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

12 noon–2 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.7 entitled "Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa"; and A/C.2/58/L.15 entitled "International Year of Deserts and Desertification, 2004" (agenda item 94 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Nigeria)

12.30–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.14 entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind" (agenda item 94 (f)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

1–2 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.19 entitled "Cybersecurity and the protection of critical information infrastructures" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic)

1–3 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.31 entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the strengthening of the United Nations Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)"; and A/C.2/58/L.35 entitled "Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat" (agenda item 101) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

1–3 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.30 entitled "Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" (agenda item 94 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

2–3 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.11 entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity"(agenda item 94 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Peru)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.27 entitled "Women in development" (agenda item 93 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.18 entitled "External debt crisis and development" (agenda item 91 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 entitled "High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development"; and A/C.2/58/L.40 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" (agenda item 104) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Cameroon)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on follow up to General Assembly resolution 57/270 B entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields" (indicative programme of work of the Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.12 entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-second session" (agenda item 94) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany)

5–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.9 entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development" (agenda item 95) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

5–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informals"

The Economic and Social Council will hold informal "informals", chaired by Mr. José Briz Gutiérrez (Guatemala), *on Wednesday, 26 November 2003*, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D, to discuss item 13 (a) (Economic and environmental questions: Sustainable development) (Decision 11/2: Bureau of the Commission on Sustainable Development).

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 26 November 2003

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: environment and sustainable development issues)*

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

1.15–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: draft resolution on international financial systems)*

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: financing for development)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)*

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on Third Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Eastern European Group

9.15–10.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Asian Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room A

African Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) *(on Second Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

5–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 26 November 2003

Room S-226

Morning[1] . . . . . H.E. Mr. Dan Gillerman, Permanent Representative of Israel

[1] Following the adjournment of the 57th meeting of the Third Committee.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting on Monday, 1 December 2003, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977.

The representatives of all Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies, as well as observers, are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3350.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html).

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR seminar on "The Use of Local Energy Resources for Local Purposes: Natural Gas and Rural Poverty"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a seminar on "The Use of Local Energy Resources for Local Purposes: Natural Gas and Rural Poverty", to be held on the following dates: Monday, 1 December 2003, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Tuesday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A letter has been sent to all the permanent missions in New York. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Informal briefing organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland

On the occasion of the session of the Executive Board of UNICEF, there will be an informal briefing by the War-Torn Societies Project (WSP International), organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, on Monday, 1 December 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

UNITAR/OLA seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly conducting a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 3 and Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration *deadline is Wednesday, 26 November 2003*. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Joint Government of Finland–UNDP seminar on combating corruption

There will be a joint Government of Finland–UNDP seminar on combating corruption on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Magdy Martinez-Soliman (tel. 1 (212) 906-6384; e-mail magdy.martinez-soliman@undp.org); or Mr. Patrick Lally (tel. 1 (212) 906-6633; e-mail patrick.lally@undp.org).

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday, 8 December, to Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Monday, 1 December 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Friday, 21 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

54th meeting

The representative of the Programme Planning and Budget Division made a statement.

The representatives of the Netherlands and Egypt made statements.

The representative of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to queries made.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [117 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.73

The representative of Cuba introduced and orally revised the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Kenya, Mauritania, Pakistan, Somalia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Russian Federation and Rwanda also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.74

The representative of Mexico introduced and orally revised the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Chile and Cuba.

Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Ecuador, Honduras, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Sudan and Tunisia also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.75

The representative of Japan introduced and orally revised the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Poland.

Albania, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Romania, Slovenia and Switzerland also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.76

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Gambia and Haiti.

Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, South Africa and Swaziland also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.77

The representative of Egypt introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Kenya and Swaziland.

Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Indonesia, Mauritius and Zimbabwe also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.78

The representative of Mexico introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Austria, China, France, Honduras, Hungary, Jamaica, Jordan, Peru, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Sierra Leone and Trinidad and Tobago.

Afghanistan, Albania, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Dominica, Ghana, Greece, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, the Niger, Nigeria, Qatar, Rwanda, Slovenia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Zimbabwe also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of document A/C.3/58/L.81 (amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.30/Rev.2)

The representative of Egypt introduced the document, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as, Brunei Darussalam.

In the light of the introduction of the amendments contained in document A/C.3/58/L.81, the amendments contained in document A/C.3/58/L.59 were withdrawn.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . . . . . [117 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/L.58/L.67

The representative of Italy introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Canada, Japan, Liechtenstein, Romania and Switzerland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement.

The Secretary replied to a question raised by the representative of the Sudan.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/L.68/Rev.1

The representative of Italy introduced and orally revised the draft resolution and informed the Committee that Australia, Bulgaria and the Republic of Korea had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Albania, Andorra, Estonia, Latvia, Malta and Romania also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

After the introduction, the representative of Myanmar made a statement.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments . . . . . [117 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.44

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions related to the draft resolution.

Malta and Venezuela also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representatives of Sweden orally revised the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States orally amended operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution.

Bolivia , Brazil and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland joined as co-sponsors.

Before the vote on the amendment, statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

The amendment proposed by the representative of the United States was rejected, by a vote of 13 to 116, with 24 abstentions.

The draft resolution was then adopted, as orally revised by Sweden.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mali, the Niger and Pakistan made statements.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [117 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.57

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions related to the draft resolution.

The representative of Norway orally corrected the draft resolution and announced that Lithuania, Malta and Thailand had joined as sponsors.

Brazil and the Niger also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which was then adopted by the Committee, as corrected.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.63

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Austria made a statement and announced that Bolivia, El Salvador, Lithuania, South Africa and the Sudan had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Rwanda also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which was then adopted by the Committee, as orally revised.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.64

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Austria made a statement.

Bolivia, Estonia, Kenya and the Philippines joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which was then adopted by the Committee, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, India, Turkey and Austria.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.65

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions related to the draft resolution.

Brazil joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Albania, Bolivia, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, the Niger and Rwanda also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which was then adopted by the Committee.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.72

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Saint Lucia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 105 to 51, with 19 abstentions.

The representative of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [117 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.69

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Canada orally revised the draft resolution and informed the Committee that Austria, Denmark, Estonia, France, Hungary, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Spain and the United Kingdom had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Latvia and Tuvalu also joined as co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representatives of the United States and Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) made statements.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as revised, by a recorded vote of 73 to 49, with 50 abstentions.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of China, the Sudan and the Islamic Republic of Iran made statements.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Brazil, Argentina, Cuba and Nepal made statements.

Organization of work

Statements on the work of the Committee were made by the representatives of Namibia, Egypt, Malaysia and Pakistan.

Monday, 24 November 2003

Security Council

4870th meeting

The situation in Cyprus

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Cyprus (S/2003/1078)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2003/1114, prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2002/1114) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2002/1114) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1517 (2003).

4871st meeting

Central African region

Letter dated 10 November 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/1077)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Chad, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Italy and Rwanda, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Tuliameni Kalomoh, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 21 November 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Republic of the Congo to the United Nations (S/2003/1115), the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Mr. Amadou Kébé, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Nelson Cosme, Deputy Secretary-General for Political Affairs of the Economic Community of Central African States.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Kalomoh.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cameroon, France, Guinea, China, Germany, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Spain, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, the United States, Chile and Mexico, and by the President, speaking in his capacity, as the representative of Angola.

The Council heard statements made by the representatives of Italy (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries – Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries – Iceland and Norway, which aligned themselves with this statement), the Congo (speaking on behalf of the Economic Community of Central African States – Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Rwanda and Sao Tome and Principe), the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda and Chad.

The Council heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Amadou Kébé.

The Council then heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Cosme Nelson.

Mr. Kalomoh responded to comments and questions raised.

4872nd meeting — *The situation between Iraq and Kuwait*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2003/1107, submitted by Bulgaria, Chile, Guinea, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2002/1107) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2002/1107) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1518 (2003).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Germany, France and Mexico.

4873rd meeting — *The situation in Côte d'Ivoire*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited His Excellency Mr. Nana Akufo Addo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ghana, His Excellency Mr. Mamadou Bamba, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Côte d'Ivoire, His Excellency Mr. François Lousény Fall, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guinea, His Excellency Mr. Oluyemi Adeniji, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, and Mr. Cheick Tidiane Gadio, Minister for

Foreign Affairs of Senegal, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, Executive Secretary of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Secretary-General.

The Council heard briefings by His Excellency Mr. Addo and His Excellency Mr. Chambas.

4874th meeting (closed) *The situation in Côte d'Ivoire*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4874th meeting, held in private on 24 November 2003, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation in Côte d'Ivoire".

"In accordance with the decision taken at the 4873rd meeting, the President, under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, invited His Excellency Mr. Nana Akufo Addo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ghana, as well as members of the Ministerial delegation, to participate in the Council's discussion."

"The President also invited Mr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, Executive Secretary of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's rules of procedure."

"Members of the Council, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ghana and the Executive Secretary of ECOWAS had a constructive exchange of views."

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

63rd plenary meeting *Oceans and the law of the sea* [52 (a) and (b)]: joint debate

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/65, A/58/65/Add.1 and A/58/423)

(ii) Report of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its fourth meeting (A/58/95)

(iii) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/58/16, chapter III, section C.2)

(iv) Draft resolution (A/58/L.19)

(b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/215)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/58/L.18)

The representative of the United States made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.18.

The representative of New Zealand (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum) made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.19.

Statements were made by the representatives of Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Iceland (also on behalf of Canada, Denmark, Finland, Norway, the Russian Federation, Sweden and the United States (the Arctic Council)), Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Norway, Kenya, Tunisia, Guyana, Mexico, Namibia, the Republic of Korea and the Bahamas.

64th plenary meeting

New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support: report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/58/16, chapter III, section B, programme 8; chapter IV, section B) . . . . . [39 (a)]

The General Assembly endorsed the recommendations on this item contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/58/16, chapter III, section B, programme 8, and chapter IV, section B).

Oceans and the law of the sea [52 (a) and (b)]: joint debate

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/65, A/58/65/Add.1 and A/58/423)

(ii) Report of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its fourth meeting (A/58/95)

(iii) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/58/16, chapter III, section C.2)

(iv) Draft resolution (A/58/L.19)

(b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/215)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/58/L.18)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 52 and its sub-items (a) and (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of Mauritius (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Japan, Ukraine, China, Australia, India, Brazil, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Indonesia, Belize, Argentina, the Russian Federation, Viet Nam, Uruguay, Canada, Nigeria and Fiji.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 54/195 of 17 December 1999, the observer of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/6 of 24 October 1996, the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/204 of 17 December 1996, the President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea made a statement.

The President announced that action on draft resolution A/58/L.19 would be postponed to a later date, to allow time for the review of its programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee.

The representative of Turkey made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/58/L.18 (resolution 58/14).

The General Assembly endorsed the recommendations on this item contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/58/16, chapter III, section C.2).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 52 and its sub-items (a) and (b).

Programme of work

The President made the following announcement:

On Monday, 8 December 2003 (morning), the Assembly would take up the reports of the First Committee;

On Monday, 8 December 2003 (afternoon), the Assembly would take up the reports of the Sixth Committee; and

On Tuesday, 9 December 2003 (morning), the Assembly would take up the reports of the Fourth Committee.

Main Committees

Third Committee

55th meeting

The representative of Switzerland made a statement.

Human rights questions: Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . . . . . [117 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.79

The representative of Italy introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

The representatives of Egypt (on behalf of China, Dominica, Kuwait, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Swaziland and the United Arab Emirates), Singapore, Pakistan, Nigeria and the Islamic Republic of Iran made statements.

Andorra, Australia, Canada, Japan, Liechtenstein and Romania joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [117 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.49

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Canada further orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Croatia, Latvia and the United States of America had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Albania and Bulgaria also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.66

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Netherlands orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Japan and Serbia and Montenegro had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Andorra, Armenia, Bolivia, Nigeria, the Republic of Korea and the United Republic of Tanzania also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.70

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Comoros, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Mauritius, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Slovenia, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 156 to one, with 2 abstentions.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The representatives of Gabon, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Greece and Lebanon made statements with regard to the vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.73

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Cambodia, Ethiopia, Namibia and Swaziland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 100 to 9, with 51 abstentions.

The representative of the Niger made a statement in explanation of vote.

The representative of Cuba also made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.74

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Armenia, Bangladesh, Haiti, Mozambique and Sri Lanka joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, the United States and Canada.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.76

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Cambodia, Ethiopia, Mozambique, the Niger, Pakistan and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 108 to 50, with 10 abstentions.

The representative of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.77

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

Namibia and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 113 to 50, with 4 abstentions.

The representative of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in explanation of vote.

The representative of Egypt also made a statement.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . . . . . [117 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.67

The Committee was informed that this draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out revisions to the draft resolution.

Before taking action on the draft resolution, the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the States members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) made a statement. Also before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Turkmenistan, China and Cuba made statements.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as revised, by a recorded vote of 72 to 37, with 53 abstentions.

Subsequently, the representative of Cape Verde made a statement and indicated that his delegation had had the intention to abstain in the vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.58

The representative of Uganda stated that her delegation was not a co-sponsor of the draft resolution, which had been adopted at the 53rd meeting of the Committee.

Draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.60

The representative of Lebanon made a statement regarding the vote on the draft resolution, which had been adopted at the 53rd meeting of the Committee.

56th meeting

Advancement of women . . . . . [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.22/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that this draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Netherlands further orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Australia, the Dominican Republic, Estonia, Japan, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Namibia, Thailand and Timor-Leste had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Andorra, Armenia, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, the Congo, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Israel, Mauritius, Mongolia, Nepal, Nicaragua, the Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Swaziland, Togo and Uruguay also joined in sponsoring the resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The representatives of the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Gambia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic and Iceland (also on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden) made statements.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Ethiopia made a statement.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children . . . . . [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item

Introduction of document A/C.3/58/L.83

The representative of New Zealand introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of its co-sponsors.

The representative of Benin made a statement.

Fifth Committee

21st meeting

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 . . . . . [131]

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 . . . . . [132]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

The Controller introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/269, A/58/366, A/58/367, A/58/368, A/58/550, A/58/597, A/58/226, A/58/288, and A/58/593).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/58/554, A/58/449 and A/58/605).

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Norway, Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), Rwanda and the United States.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on these items.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these agenda items would begin on that day, Monday, 24 November, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship Mr. David Dutton (Australia).

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 . . . . . [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Second performance report

The Controller introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/558 and A/58/558/Add.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/604).

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland and Liechtenstein), the United States, Cuba, Japan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Programme budget for the budget for the biennium 2002-2003 . . . . . [120]

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The Chief Executive Officer of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/214 and A/58/214/Corr.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.9).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Cuba.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Report of the Economic and Social Council . . . . . [12]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Delegation of formal authority in matters of personnel of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The Committee had before it documents A/58/3, chap. I, A/C.5/58/2 and A/C.5/58/2/Corr.1.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Accession: Brazil (24 November 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Palestine: Reflections of Resilience and Hope." The exhibit will be displayed from Monday, 1 December, to Monday, 15 December 2003, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

The formal opening of the exhibit will be held on Monday, 1 December 2003, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two films "Palestine: Story of a Land (Parts I and II)," which will be shown on Monday, 1 December at 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium, and "Crossing Kalandia," which can be viewed at the exhibit area from Tuesday, 2 December, to Monday, 15 December, during exhibit hours.

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

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A/58/PV.30	Meeting held on 14 October 2003, 10 a.m. [E]

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A/58/603-S/2003/1101	Item 117 (a) and (b) — Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments; human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Letter dated 17 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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A/58/L.20	Item 43 — Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin — 88-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

A/C.3/58/L.29/Rev.1	Item 113 — Promotion and protection of the rights of children — 78-Power revised draft resolution — Rights of the child [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/58/L.83	Item 113 — Promotion and protection of the rights of children — 17-Power amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.23/Rev.1 — Importance of the role of parents in the care, development and well-being of their children [A C E F R S]

Fifth Committee

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A/C.5/58/L.19	Item 121 — Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Draft decision submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations — Development Account [A C E F R S]
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S/2003/1050	Letter dated 23 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . 59th meeting . . . Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . 60th meeting . . . Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children . . . [113]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.28 (and programme budget implications), A/C.3/58/L.23/Rev.1 (and amendments thereto: A/C.3/58/L.83) and A/C.3/58/L.29/Rev.1

2. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action . . . [115 (b)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.34

3. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . [117 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.71 and A/C.3/58/L.75

5. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . . . [117 (c)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.68/Rev.1 (programme budget implications: A/C.3/58/L.82) and A/C.3/58/L.79/Rev.1

6. Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3, Parts I and II) . . . [12]

   Organization of work of the Third Committee and the draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2004-2005 (A/C.3/58/L.80)

   Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee for the main part of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly

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Fifth Committee

10 a.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 131 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/58/269, A/58/366, A/58/367, A/58/368, A/58/550, A/58/597, A/58/554 and A/58/605)); and 132 (Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/58/226, A/58/368, A/58/288, A/58/593, A/58/449 and A/58/605))

3 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 134 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi (A/58/596 and A/58/609)); and 120, 121 and 161 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003; Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005; and Financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire (A/58/370, A/58/535, A/C.5/58/12, A/58/538 and A/58/598))

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.26 entitled "Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005" (agenda item 94 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Croatia)

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.8 entitled "International Decade for Action 'Water for Life', 2005-2015" (agenda item 95) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.41 entitled "Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence" (agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on the follow up to General Assembly resolution 57/270 B entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields" (indicative programme of work of the Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

12 noon–1.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.14 entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind" (agenda item 94 (f)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

1–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.20 entitled "Science and technology for development" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

2–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 entitled "High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development"; and A/C.2/58/L.40 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" (agenda item 104) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Cameroon)

2–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Other meetings

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Friday, 28 November 2003

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: racism)*

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: environment and sustainable development)*

9.30–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: trade; globalization; and other macroeconomic policy questions)*

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: financing for development; commodities; debt; and other macroeconomic issues)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) *(on Second Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

OIC Group *(at the experts level)*

2–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia)

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 28 November 2003

Room S-226

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 1 December 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

3 p.m. 65th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [38]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/58/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/416)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/58/L.23, A/58/L.24, A/58/L.25 and A/58/L.26/Rev.1)

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 23rd meeting on Monday, 1 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, immediately followed by informal consultations (closed) in Conference Room 5. Informal consultations (closed) will also be held at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting on Monday, 1 December 2003, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977.

The representatives of all Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies, as well as observers, are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3350.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html).

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR seminar on "The Use of Local Energy Resources for Local Purposes: Natural Gas and Rural Poverty"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a seminar on "The Use of Local Energy Resources for Local Purposes: Natural Gas and Rural Poverty", to be held on the following dates: Monday, 1 December 2003, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Tuesday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A letter has been sent to all the permanent missions in New York. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Informal briefing organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland

On the occasion of the session of the Executive Board of UNICEF, there will be an informal briefing by the War-Torn Societies Project (WSP International), organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, on Monday, 1 December 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

UNITAR/OLA seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly conducting a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 3 and Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Joint Government of Finland–UNDP seminar on combating corruption

There will be a joint Government of Finland–UNDP seminar on combating corruption on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Magdy Martinez-Soliman (tel. 1 (212) 906-6384; e-mail magdy.martinez-soliman@undp.org); or Mr. Patrick Lally (tel. 1 (212) 906-6633; e-mail patrick.lally@undp.org).

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday, 8 December, to Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Monday, 1 December 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 26 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

57th–58th meetings

The summary of the 57th and 58th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/229).

Fifth Committee

22nd meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [119]

Audit of the Investment Management Service of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The representative of Ireland, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.11.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [120]

Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice, judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

The representative of Argentina, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.12.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

The representative of Venezuela, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.18.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

Information and communication technology

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.14, coordinated by the representative of Costa Rica.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Development Account

The representative of Uruguay, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/58/L.19.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations

The representative of Venezuela, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/58/L.20.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Proportion of General Service staff to Professional staff in the regional commissions

The representative of Venezuela, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/58/L.21.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Comprehensive review of the post structure of the Secretariat

The representative of Venezuela, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.22.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/58/L.23.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo . . . . . [138]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Venezuela, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.24.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor [140]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Saudi Arabia, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.16.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) [143]

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Guatemala, coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, introduced draft decision A/C.5/58/L.17.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia [165]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Ireland, coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.25.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution the representative of Nigeria made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Admission of the International Criminal Court to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund [166]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Argentina, coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.15.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman introduced draft decision A/C.5/58/L.26.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2004

The Chief of the Political, Legal and Humanitarian Service of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/7/Add.3).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.4).

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question

Revised estimates arising out of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2003 (A/C.5/58/10 and A/58/7/Add.8)

The Officer-in-Charge of the Economic, Social, and Human Rights Service of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/58/10).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.8).

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and the United States.

The Officer-in-Charge of the Economic, Social, and Human Rights Service of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Financial viability of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and status of all voluntary contributions

The Officer-in-Charge of the Economic, Social, and Human Rights Service of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/544).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.10).

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria, Cuba and the United States.

The Officer-in-Charge of the Economic, Social, and Human Rights Service of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Revised estimates: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/528).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.11).

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/596).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/609).

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

Administration and management of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Officer-in-Charge of the Economic, Social, and Human Rights Service of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/569).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.12).

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland and Liechtenstein) and Cuba.

The Officer-in-Charge of the Economic, Social, and Human Rights Service of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts replied to questions raised.

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [120]

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire [161]

(A/58/370, A/58/535, A/C.5/58/12, A/58/538 and A/58/598)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of these agenda items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Botswana (on behalf of the African Group), Cuba, Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Cameroon, the United States, Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and Nigeria.

The Controller replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these agenda items.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Convention against Torture and other cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Ninth Meeting of the States Parties
United Nations Office at Geneva

Wednesday, 26 November 2003

1st meeting

The Ninth Meeting of the States Parties was opened by Ms. Maria Francisca Ize-Charrin, Officer-in-Charge of the Support Services Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Representative of the Secretary General.

The Meeting elected H.E. Mr. Mohamed Dembri (Algeria) as its Chairman and Mr. Ian Ferguson (Canada) as its Vice-Chairman.

In accordance with article 17 of the Convention, the Meeting elected by secret ballot the following persons as members of the Committee against Torture, for a term of four years beginning January 2004: Mr. Guibril Camara (Senegal), Mrs. Felice Gaer (United States of America), Mr. Claudio Grossman (Chile), Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Cyprus) and Mr. Julio Prado-Vallejo (Ecuador).

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Monday, 24 November 2003

50th–51st meetings *Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights* [3]

The Committee held a general discussion on article 6 of the Covenant (Right to work).

Wednesday, 26 November 2003

52nd–53rd meetings *Consideration of reports* [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee began to adopt the concluding observations on the second periodic report of Guatemala (E/1990/6/Add.54 and E/1990/6/Add.54/Rev.1).

Adoption of the report [9]

The Committee began the adoption of its annual report.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Accession: Armenia (26 November 2003)[1]

Ratification: Tonga (26 November 2003)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Accession: Armenia (26 November 2003)[1]

Ratification: Tonga (26 November 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Ratification: Tonga (26 November 2003)[1]

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Ratification: Armenia (26 November 2003)[1]

Entry into force: (24 February 2004)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Ratification: Tonga (26 November 2003)[1]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Madagascar (24 November 2003)[1]

Ratification: Slovakia (24 November 2003)[1]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Ratification: Armenia (26 November 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Palestine: Reflections of Resilience and Hope." The exhibit will be displayed from Monday, 1 December, to Monday, 15 December 2003, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

The formal opening of the exhibit will be held on Monday, 1 December 2003, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two films "Palestine: Story of a Land (Parts I and II)," which will be shown on Monday, 1 December at 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium, and "Crossing Kalandia," which can be viewed at the exhibit area from Tuesday, 2 December, to Monday, 15 December, during exhibit hours.

International Day of Disabled Persons (3 December 2003)

In observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons, there will be a seminar, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Ecuador, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and Disabled Peoples' International, on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The opening of an exhibit of art by persons with disabilities will follow in the Visitors' Lobby. For more information, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable.

Web sites

President of the General Assembly:
www.un.org/ga/president

General Assembly:
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/

www.un.org/ga

Presidency of the Security Council:
www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency
www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/

Security Council:
www.un.org/sc

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm
www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373
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Economic and Social Council:
www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc

Italian presidency of the European Union:
www. un.org
http://europa-eu-un.org

Department of Economic and Social Affairs:
www.un.org/esa

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www.un.org/Docs/journal/Ar/latesta.pdf
www.un.org/Docs/journal/Ch/latestc.pdf
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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 26 November 2003.

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General Assembly	**Documents**
	Fifty-eighth session
A/58/460	Item 71 — Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.21	Item 19 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — 5-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.22	Item 40 (b) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions — 50-Power draft resolution — Emergency humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.23	Item 38 — Question of Palestine — 24-Power draft resolution — Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.24	Item 38 — Question of Palestine — 25-Power draft resolution — Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

A/58/L.25 Item 38 — Question of Palestine — 25-Power draft resolution — Special information programme on the question of Palestine of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

A/58/L.26 Item 38 — Question of Palestine — 25-Power draft resolution — Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine [A C E F R S]

A/58/L.27 Item 37 — The situation in the Middle East — 18-Power draft resolution — Jerusalem [A C E F R S]

A/58/L.28 Item 37 — The situation in the Middle East — 22-Power draft resolution — The Syrian Golan [A C E F R S]

A/INF/58/5 Letter dated 12 November 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

A/C.3/58/L.79/Rev.1 Item 117 (c) — Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — 27-Power revised draft resolution — Situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/58/L.80 Item 12 — Report of the Economic and Social Council — Organization of work of the Third Committee and draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2004-2005 — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/58/L.82 Items 117 (c) and 121 — Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Situation of human rights in Myanmar — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.68/Rev.1 — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/58/L.84 Item 113 — Promotion and protection of the rights of children — Office of the Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.28 — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/58/L.85 Item 111 — Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" — Draft resolution presented by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations — Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/58/L.86 Items 110 and 121 — Advancement of women — Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Future operations of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.36 — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

Fifth Committee

A/C.5/58/18 Items 155 and 121 — Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization — Proposed Programme budget for the Biennium 2004-2005 — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.18 — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in

	accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/C.5/58/L.23	Item 121 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Draft decision submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations — United Nations Fund for International Partnerships [A C E F R S]
A/C.5/58/L.24	Item 138 — Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations [A C E F R S]
A/C.5/58/L.25	Item 165 — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations — Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia [A C E F R S]
A/C.5/58/L.26	Item 12 — Report of the Economic and Social Council — Draft decision submitted by the Chairman — Delegation of formal authority in matters of personnel of the United Nations Population Fund [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2003/1043	Letter dated 27 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1098	Fourteenth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1107	Bulgaria, Chile, Guinea, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1113	Letter dated 19 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1114	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1115	Letter dated 21 November 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/4870	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/4871	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/4872	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/4873	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/4874	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1517 (2003)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 4870th meeting [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1518 (2003)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 4872nd meeting [A C E F R S]

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Monday, 1 December 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

3 p.m. 65th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine . . . . . [38]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/58/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/416)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/58/L.23, A/58/L.24, A/58/L.25 and A/58/L.26/Rev.1)

Security Council

The Presidency of the Security Council for the month of December 2003 (Bulgaria) will hold a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month of December, on Tuesday, 2 December 2003, following the consultations of the whole, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). Delegations can view the Press briefing in Studio 4 located in the First Basement.

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available to Member States in accordance with the Notes by the President of the Security Council dated 27 July 1993 (S/26176) and 30 April 1998 (S/1998/354). In accordance with the aforementioned decisions, copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' pick-up areas as of *Monday, 1 December 2003*.

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Main Committees

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 61st meeting Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [117 (b)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.75

2. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [117 (c)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.68/Rev.1 (programme budget implications: A/C.3/58/L.82) and A/C.3/58/L.79/Rev.1

3. Human rights questions: report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [117 (e)]

4. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [113]

5. Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3, Parts I and II) [12]

   Organization of work of the Third Committee and the draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2004-2005 (A/C.3/58/L.80)

   Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee for the main part of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 3

1. Strengthening of the United Nations system [59]

   Note by the Secretary-General on improvements to current process of planning and budgeting (A/58/600 and A/58/610)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

   Report of the Secretary-General on measures pertaining to the administration and management of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/58/569 and A/58/7/Add.12)

   Conclusion of general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005): United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/58/544 and A/58/7/Add.10); Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute For Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2004 (A/C.5/58/3 and A/58/7/Add.4); and Revised estimates arising out of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social council at its substantive session of 2003 (A/C.5/58/10 and A/58/7/Add.8))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 23rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005): Section 24: Human Rights (A/58/6 (Sect.24); Measures pertaining to the administration and management of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/58/569 and A/58/7/Add.12); and Section 14: Environment (A/58/6 (Sect.14)/Rev.1))

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. 276th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

United Nations system common services at Geneva

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Extraordinary budget session for 2003

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 1st meeting Conference Room 2

1. Opening of the session: statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director [1]
2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work (E/ICEF/2003/14) [2]
3. Supplementary support budget 2002-2003 (E/ICEF/2003/AB/L.13) [3]
4. Biennial support budget 2004-2005 (E/ICEF/2003/AB/L.14) [4]

Presentations and discussion on results-based management within UNICEF and *Child Info* and *DevInfo*

3–6 p.m. 2nd meeting Conference Room 2

Biennial support budget 2004-2005 (E/ICEF/2003/AB/L.14) [4]

Presentations and discussion on results-based management within UNICEF and *Child Info* and *DevInfo*

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.20 entitled "Science and technology for development" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.34 entitled "Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries" (agenda item 102) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Belgium)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Room S-2963D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.32 entitled "International trade and development" (agenda item 91 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.37 entitled "International migration and development" (agenda 93 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.23 entitled "Public administration and development" (agenda item 12); and A/C.2/58/L.5 entitled "Human resources development" (agenda item 93 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

10.30–11.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3 (suite of offices)

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.31 entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the strengthening of the United Nations Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)"; and A/C.2/58/L.35 entitled "Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat" (agenda item 101) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

12 noon–1.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.42 entitled "World Summit on the Information Society" (agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Indonesia)

12 noon–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.30 entitled "Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" (agenda item 94 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

1–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.25 entitled "Natural disasters and vulnerability" (agenda item 94 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

1.30–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.18 entitled "External debt crisis and development" (agenda item 91 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

2–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.9 entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development" (agenda item 95) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on follow up to General Assembly resolution 57/270 B entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields" (indicative programme of work of the Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.41 entitled "Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence" (agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Room S-2963D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.38 entitled "Commodities" (agenda item 91 (g)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 entitled "High-level dialogue on financing for development; and A/C.2/58/L.40 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" (agenda item 104) (organized by the permanent Mission of Cameroon)

4–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.11 entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity"(agenda item 94 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Peru)

4–5.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.17 entitled "International financial system and development" (agenda item 91 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

5–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.14 entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind" (agenda item 94 (f)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

5.30–6.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Other meetings

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Monday, 1 December 2003

UNITAR seminar on "The Use of Local Energy Resources for Local Purposes: Natural Gas and Rural Poverty"

9.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room A
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room A

OIC Group *(at the experts level)*

1.15–2.45 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room C

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

1.15–2.45 p.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm

Monday, 1 December 2003

Room S-226

11.30 a.m.	H.E. Mr. Heraldo Muñoz (Chile), Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban (on the report prepared by the monitoring group on Al-Qaida and Taliban sanctions)
12.45 p.m.	Press conference, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Nigeria, on the "Battle of Hope", a World AIDS Day event, to take place on 10 January 2004 in Abuja, Nigeria

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 2 December 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. 66th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. 67th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine [38]
   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/58/35)
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/416)
   (c) Draft resolutions (A/58/L.23, A/58/L.24, A/58/L.25 and A/58/L.26/Rev.1)
2. The situation in the Middle East [37]
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/278 and A/58/416)
   (b) Draft resolutions (A/58/L.27 and A/58/L.28)

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 2 December 2003, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2004 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2004 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva on Monday, 8 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 47 (Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Rêwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations, on Tuesday, 2 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations (closed) on draft proposals under agenda item 40, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held on Tuesday, 2 December 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., on the following dates: Tuesday, 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 9; and Tuesday, 9 December, in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), on the following dates: Tuesday, 2 December 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber; Thursday, 4 December, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and Friday, 5 December, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 2 December 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

UNITAR/OLA seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly conducting a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 3 and 4 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 3 December 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and Friday, 5 December, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Joint Government of Finland–UNDP seminar on combating corruption

There will be a joint Government of Finland–UNDP seminar on combating corruption on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Magdy Martinez-Soliman (tel. 1 (212) 906-6384; e-mail magdy.martinez-soliman@undp.org); or Mr. Patrick Lally (tel. 1 (212) 906-6633; e-mail patrick.lally@undp.org).

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday, 8 December, to Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is *Monday, 1 December 2003*. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Preparations for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (1-12 March 2004), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace building; and (b) The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1246; and/or email zakharova@un.org), no later than 9 January 2004, indicating the panel for which the experts(s) is (are) being nominated.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 26 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

57th meeting

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.10/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.36 (programme budget implications: A/C.3/58/L.86)

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77, China and Mexico) further orally revised the draft resolution.

The representatives of El Salvador, the Dominican Republic and Mexico made statements.

Explanations of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Spain, the United States, Japan and the Czech Republic.

The draft resolution was adopted as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 126 to 5, with 33 abstentions.

Explanations of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Sweden (on behalf of Denmark, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom), the Republic of Korea and Canada (on behalf of Australia and New Zealand).

Statements were also made by the representatives of Benin and Morocco.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of documents A/58/168, A/58/417 and A/58/540.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 110.

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.85

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as introduced by the Chairman.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 111.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [117 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.52

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Malaysia orally revised the draft resolution.

The representative of Italy made a statement, on behalf of the European Union and its acceding countries.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 158 to 2, with 6 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Japan and the United States. The representative of Australia made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.61

The Committee was advised that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the United States made a statement and announced that Andorra, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Colombia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Guatemala, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Palau, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro and the United Republic of Tanzania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Brazil, Ecuador, Georgia, Ghana, Kenya, Latvia, Madagascar, Mali, Malta, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, South Africa and Switzerland also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Points of order were raised by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Sudan, Egypt, Cuba, Guinea-Bissau and Chile.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised and corrected, by a recorded vote of 156 to none, with 7 abstentions.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

Statements after the vote were made by the representatives of Egypt and Nigeria.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.62

The representative of Australia orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Fiji, Nauru, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago and Tunisia had joined as sponsors.

Algeria, Benin, Burundi, Israel, Malta, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nepal and Nicaragua also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution, as orally revised, contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.78

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications regarding the draft resolution.

The representative of Mexico made a statement, in the course of which she orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Canada, Ireland, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia and Spain had joined as sponsors.

Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Israel, Malawi, the Netherlands, Paraguay and Ukraine also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nepal, Canada, Chile, Mexico and the Sudan, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The Chairman and the Secretary responded to points raised.

58th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 117 (b).

Draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.30/Rev.2 (and amendments thereto: A/C.3/58/L.81)

The representative of Israel made a statement, in the course of which he withdrew draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.30/Rev.2.

In the light of the statement made by the representative of Israel, no action was taken on the amendments contained in document A/C.3/58/L.81.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and the United States.

Draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.78

The Committee resumed its consideration of the draft resolution and heard a statement by the representative of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts.

The representative of Mexico made a statement and further orally revised the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada and Chile.

The representative of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts responded to questions raised.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Canada, Japan, Pakistan, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Mexico and Ecuador.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.2 (and amendments thereto: A/C.3/58/L.48)

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions related to the draft resolution, as amended by document A/C.3/58/L.48.

The representative of Benin further orally revised document A/C.3/58/L.48 and announced that Armenia and Trinidad and Tobago had joined as sponsors.

Haiti, Morocco, Namibia, Rwanda and Uganda also joined in sponsoring the amendments contained in document A/C.3/58/L.48, as further orally revised.

The Committee adopted the amendments contained in document A/C.3/58/L.48, as further orally revised, for incorporation into draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.2.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.2, as amended.

The representative of Benin made a statement.

Oral decision by the Chairman

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of document A/58/67.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 106.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [113]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.25/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Canada, Colombia, the Congo, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, France, Georgia, Guinea, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, Mongolia, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Namibia orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Algeria, Angola, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Cameroon, Chile, China, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uruguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The representative of the United States proposed amendments to the draft resolution.

Following a statement by the representative of Namibia, the Committee rejected the amendments proposed by the representative of the United States, by a recorded vote of 145 to 3, with 6 abstentions.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised by the representative of Namibia.

Draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.28

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to programme budget implications for the draft resolution, which were contained in document A/C.3/58/L.84.

The representative of Gabon made a statement.

The representative of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guinea-Bissau, Sierra Leone, Egypt, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan, China, Kenya, Burkina Faso and Malaysia.

The representative of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts responded to questions raised.

Benin, Colombia, Cameroon, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritania, Nigeria, the Sudan and the Syrian Arab Republic joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Gabon orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Kenya, Mali, Rwanda, Swaziland and the United Republic of Tanzania had also joined as sponsors.

Statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland, Sierra Leone, Chile, Costa Rica, the Sudan, Pakistan, Mali, Liechtenstein, the United States, Canada, Australia, Malaysia, the Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Egypt, Guinea-Bissau and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the draft resolution until its next meeting.

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

59th–60th meetings — The summary of the 59th and 60th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/230).

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Thursday, 27 November 2003

54th meeting — *Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights* [3]

The Committee discussed and adopted comments on the FAO draft voluntary guidelines on the right to food.

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee began to adopt the concluding observations on the fourth periodic report of the Russian Federation (E/C.12/4/Add.10).

55th meeting — The Committee continued the adoption of the concluding observations on the fourth periodic report of the Russian Federation.

It then began adopting the concluding observations on the second periodic report of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (E/1990/6/Add.35).

Friday, 28 November 2003

56th meeting — *Consideration of reports* [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee met in private to continue to discuss and adopt the concluding observations on the second periodic report of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (E/1990/6/Add.35).

Adoption of the report [9]

The Committee adopted its annual report and thus concluded the work of its thirty-first session.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendments to the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. New Delhi, 23 October 2002

Acceptance: Brunei Darussalam (26 November 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Palestine: Reflections of Resilience and Hope." The exhibit will be displayed from *Monday, 1 December*, to Monday, 15 December 2003, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

The formal opening of the exhibit will be held on *Monday, 1 December 2003*, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two films "Palestine: Story of a Land (Parts I and II)," which will be shown on *Monday, 1 December*, at 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium, and "Crossing Kalandia," which can be viewed at the exhibit area from Tuesday, 2 December, to Monday, 15 December, during exhibit hours.

Women's International Forum

The topic of the next meeting of the Women's International Forum, to be held on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, will be "The Current Situation in Afghanistan".

Launch of the report *Portfolio of Mine Action Projects 2004*

The report *Portfolio of Mine Action Projects 2004*, will be launched by the Mine Action Service, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Development Programme, on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, at 11.15 a.m. at the Henry Labouisse Hall, located on the B-1 level of UNICEF House. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

International Day of Disabled Persons (3 December 2003)

In observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons, there will be a seminar, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Ecuador, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and Disabled Peoples' International, on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The opening of an exhibit of art by persons with disabilities will follow in the Visitors' Lobby. For more information, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable.

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Focus on Children: The Impact of Rights-Based Strategies." The briefing will be held on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2003 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
South Africa
H.E. Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo

Asian States:
Japan
To be announced

Eastern European States:
Republic of Moldova
H.E. Mr. Vsevolod Grigore

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominica
To be announced

Western European and other States:
France
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc de La Sablière

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President of the General Assembly:
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General Assembly:
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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 28 November 2003.

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A/58/PV.46	Meeting held on 28 October 2003, 1 p.m. [E]
A/58/PV.47	Meeting held on 29 October 2003, 10 a.m. [E]
A/58/PV.60	Meeting held on 11 November 2003, 10. 35 a.m. [E]
General Assembly	**Documents**
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A/58/7/Add.13	Items 155 and 121 — Reports of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.18 — Fourteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

A/58/7/Add.14 — Items 73 (n) and 121 — General and complete disarmament — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.1/Rev.1 — Fifteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

A/58/343/Add.1 — Item 129 — Joint Inspection Unit — Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the in-depth review of its statute and working methods — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/58/454 — Item 65 — African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]

A/58/570 — Item 118 — Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

A/58/594-S/2003/1090 — Items 24, 42, 43, 48, 73 (b), 94, 106, 109, 112, 113 and 117 — Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations — Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage — Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin — Fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights — General and complete disarmament: prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes — Environment and sustainable development — Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family — International drug control — Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions — Promotion and protection of the rights of children — Human rights questions — Letter dated 12 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/58/610 — Item 59 — Strengthening of the United Nations system — Improvements to the current process of planning and budgeting — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

A/58/L.26/Rev.1 — Item 38 — Question of Palestine — 24-Power revised draft resolution — Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine [A C E F R S]

A/58/L.27* — Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]

A/58/L.29 — Item 50 — Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields — Morocco: draft decision — Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development [A C E F R S]

Fifth Committee

A/C.5/58/19 — Items 121 and 122 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Programme planning — Letter dated 24 November 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

Tenth emergency special session

A/ES-10/248 — Item 5 — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory — Report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution ES-10/13 [A C E F R S]

Security Council	Documents
A/58/594-S/2003/1090	Letter dated 12 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1116	Letter dated 20 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council — Responses of Uganda People's Defence Forces officers to the report of the United Nations Panel of Experts on the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources and Other Forms of Wealth of the Democratic Republic of the Congo [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/IC/2003/61	Information circular — Rates of reimbursement for travel by private motor vehicle [F]

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